AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 **EXPEDITED PROCEDURE GROUP 3768** PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Javier ALARCON, et al.

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REPLY and AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§1.116 and 1.121

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 8, 2007, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows on the accompanying pages.

Applicants assert that no extensions of time are required to maintain this application, beyond what may be submitted herewith. If, however, any extensions of time are necessary to avoid abandonment of this application, applicants hereby petition for such extensions and direct and authorize the USPTO to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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